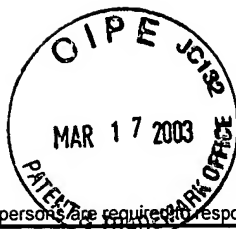


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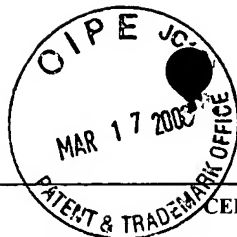
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office communication dated February 11, 2003 for which a response is due on March 11, 2003. As this amendment is filed on March 11, 2003, no petition for extension of time is required. Claims 1-12 were subject to a restriction requirement in the Office communication. Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group II (claims 1, 5 and 6-12) without traverse. Claims 1-12 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and the following new claims 13-30 are added, which applicants respectfully submit are directed to the subject matter of Group II.